January 22, 1991

**Arts and Behavioral Sciences Dean Selected**

Dr. Judith B. Kerman has been named dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences. The announcement of her selection was made January 17 by Dr. Robert S.P. Yien, vice president for academic affairs. Her appointment is effective July 1.

Kerman, who presently serves as acting vice president for academic affairs at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was chosen after a 10-month nationwide search from among more than 60 applicants. She was the only woman among four finalists invited by a 10-member selection committee to visit SVSU’s campus for interviews early in December.

A native of Bayside, New York, Kerman says she first became acquainted with SVSU in 1978 "when it was little more than a series of little brown pre-fab buildings." At the time she worked as a regional director for the University of Michigan extension service in Ann Arbor and came to visit the SVSU campus.

Kerman says she is "excited about coming to Saginaw Valley State University. I’m already trying to prepare by studying certain aspects of my present job more closely and ‘strategizing’ about what I’ll do when I get there."

Kerman received a B.A. degree with honors in history from the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY. She was awarded an M.A. in English from the State University of New York in Buffalo and earned a Ph.D. in English from SUNY, Buffalo. Her post-doctoral academic interests have focused mainly on "the impact of technology on the way people live" and on contemporary American poetry.

As a poet herself, Kerman is listed in the Directory of American Poets/Fiction Writers, Contemporary Authors, Index/Directory of Women's Media, World Who's Who of Women, and Who's Who in U.S. Writers, Editors and Poets. In 1978 she was accorded Honorable Mention by the Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award in Poetry for her book *Mothering*, one of four she has published.

Kerman replaces Dr. William K. Barnett, who resigned from the deanship in December. Currently on sabbatical, Barnett will return to a teaching position at the University later this year. In the interim, the dean’s position is being filled by Dr. Donald J. Bachand, professor of criminal justice.

**Faculty Association Scholarship Applications Due**

Dr. Alex Ross, professor of sociology, reminds faculty members that applications for the SVSU-FA mentor scholarship program are due by February 15. "Faculty are encouraged to identify worthy students and assist them in applying for this award," he said.

For extra copies of the application form, contact Ross at ext. 4149, 156 Brown Hall; the third floor faculty secretaries, Brown Hall; or the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, 160 Wickes Hall.

**STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS**

President Eric Gilbertson will deliver his second annual "State of the University" address at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 in the Samuel Marble Lecture Hall, Wickes Hall. His comments will be followed with a reception in the carpeted area outside the Registrar’s Office. Light refreshments will be served. President Gilbertson also will provide time for questions and answers between 5 and 6 p.m. in 259 Wickes Hall. The campus community is encouraged to attend the address, reception and follow-up session.
"Film and Poetry" Subject of Filmmaker Program

Sharon Couzin, instructor of film at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, concludes the Valley Film Society's special series of independent filmmakers with the program "Film and Poetry." Couzin will show, comment on and answer questions about five of her own films during the program, set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 in the SVSU Theatre.

Originally trained as a poet as well as a painter and sculptor, Couzin turned to filmmaking the late 1960s and has been winning awards for her work ever since. The film magazine Jump Cut has said of her, "Sharon Couzin works within a tradition of autobiography, personal vision and imaginative art" which "expresses the experience of being a woman in a recognizable but fresh and challenging way."

Couzin will present Deutschland Spiegel, exploring the theme of oppression through German newsreel footage; A Trojan House, an autobiographical work in which the California way of life figures prominently; Salve, in which the voice of a young girl explaining her interest in mathematics leads to an exploration of language and history; Pauline, the exploration of friendship of two artists; and Shells, which constructs a world of its own from still life artifacts and the music of Eskimo throat singers. The first three films have won awards.

The three-part filmmaker series is supported by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts through the Saginaw Community Foundation. Additional support was provided by SVSU's Zahnnow Library, the Honors Program and Cardinal Sins literary magazine. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call Professor Thomas Hearron at ext. 4332.

A workshop in Hyper-Card set for 12:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1 in 214 Brown Hall offers a hands-on opportunity to use the system for randomly accessing media developed for classroom use. For information, call ext. 4120.

Multiculturalism to be Explored

The SVSU community is invited to learn and inquire about multiculturalism in University programs and the classroom through a lecture and workshop.

The dual sessions, sponsored by the English Department, will be presented Monday, Feb. 4 in lower level Doan Center. Both are led by Dr. Linda Beard, associate professor of English at Michigan State University. The lecture, "Doing the Right Thing: Life After the Canon Wars," is set for noon to 1 p.m., to be followed by a multimedia workshop talk titled "Cultural Ventrilouism: Teaching About the Other as Object" from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Beard has spoken to many university audiences — and to the justices of the Michigan Supreme Court — on multiculturalism.

Participation in this timely event is encouraged. Contact Dr. Paul Munn, assistant professor of English, at ext. 5624 for information.

Satellite Series Profiles Use of Interactive Video to Teach

A four-part series of programs will be broadcast by satellite from 10-11 a.m. on Thursdays January 24, February 21, March 21 and April 25. The programs will be aired live in the Pioneer Hall board room, and will be videotaped for later use.

The January 24 program profiles faculty use of interactive video and CD-ROM to teach. The process allows students to collaborate on-line with their peers at distant locations. Later programs explore "Solutions for Administrators," "Math and Data Systems" and integrating multimedia into the curriculum.

For more information about the series, produced by Apple Computer, contact Computer Services at ext. 4225.

CPR

A class to provide Red Cross certification in CPR will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 26 in 256 Ryder Center. The three-hour class, sponsored by the Non-Traditional Student Organization, is free. Enrollment is limited. Call ext. 4267 to reserve a space.
Dr. Melba Boyd (above), associate professor and director of African-American Studies at the University of Michigan-Flint, addressed participants in the January 15 dinner commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She reminded the audience that the struggle for civil rights was not concluded. She noted that "violence is not a way to solve differences."

University Art Gallery Adds Monday Open Hours

The University Art Gallery will be open to viewers Monday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 for the remainder of winter semester, excluding holidays and during spring break. Other open hours during winter semester are 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. Special tours can be arranged by contacting Matthew Henderson, studio art technician, at ext. 5684 or Dr. Barron Hirsch, professor of art, at ext. 4391.

Environmental Cup Available

An environmental theme cup is available at a cost of $3.49 at the SVSU Bookstore. The mug comes with a coupon for free hot beverage and cookies, redeemable at the Snack Bar and Bagel Wagon. In addition, cup owners will receive a 10-cent discount every time they use the cup when purchasing a drink from either of those locations. The cup, designed to reduce usage of disposable cups, can be used in the workplace, advises Director of Campus Dining Services John Curry.

Briefly Speaking

— See the movie Tango and Cash at 7 or 10 p.m. tonight, Jan. 22, or 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 in the SVSU Theatre.

— Dr. John Fallon, vice president for public affairs, will discuss "Effective Meeting Techniques" at the next session of the Leadership One-Shot series at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 in the Alumni Lounge.

— Donate blood at the next SVSU Blood Drive Thursday, Jan. 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Brown Concours.

— The Midland Area Coalition for Peace and Justice is planning a non-violent demonstration for peace in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Jan. 26. A chartered bus will leave from the Midland city parking lot at 6 p.m. Friday and return about 9 a.m. Sunday. For more information, contact Dr. Basil Clark, professor of English, at ext 5614.

— The Valley Film Society will present Anna Karenina Friday, Feb. 1 in the SVSU Theatre. Show time is 8 p.m. Call ext. 5624 for membership information.

### LIBRARY TOURS

Students, faculty and staff who wish to participate in an orientation tour of the Zahnor Library should come to the Reference Desk on the first floor on one of the dates listed below. Tours will cover all three floors of the library and will include demonstrations and explanations of services, programs, collections, and print and automated resources.

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For more information, contact Julie Voelck, head of public services, at ext. 5635.
Transitions

New Staff

- Mr. John M. Neumeyer (ext. 4274), hired as HVAC Assistant (replacement), Physical Plant.

Promotions/Title Changes

- Mr. Brian A. Fisher (ext. 4214), from Financial Analyst to Assistant Controller, Office of the Controller.

- Mr. James G. Muladore (ext. 4218), from Controller and Budget Director to Assistant Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs & Controller.

Departing Staff

- Mrs. Carolyn B. Konitzer, formerly staff accountant, Office of the Controller.

- Mr. Douglas R. Koschik, formerly head, Technical Services & Systems, Zahnow Library.

Correction

- Dr. Les Thornton, visiting KCP professor, phone ext. is 5679.

Professional Profile

- Dr. Michael Panhorst, director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, is teaching a class on "European & Western Art from 1750 to the Present" for the Flint Institute of Arts. The course began January 7 and will conclude February 11.

- Dr. Albert Menard, associate professor of physics, was a recent guest on the Art Lewis show, WSGW. He discussed the New Madrid Fault. Background information provided by Menard also was incorporated in a recent Saginaw News article explaining the phenomenon of two full moons in December.

Across Campus

-- Congratulations to Jerry Wallaert and his wife, Lori, on the birth of a daughter January 15. Janie Christie weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 18½ in. long. Jerry is a delivery clerk in the mail room.

High Five

-- The men's basketball team has won three straight games to climb into second in the GLIAC with a 4-2 record. Sophomore Steve Klein's three-point play at the buzzer gave SVSU a 68-67 win over Michigan Tech Thursday. The Cardinals improved to 10-5 overall with a 68-63 win over Northern Michigan Saturday. League-leading Grand Valley visits O'Neill Arena Thursday.

Freshman Melanie Bowen set an O'Neill Arena record Friday when SVSU hosted Ferris State in a dual track meet. Bowen won the long jump with a 17-11 effort that added four inches to the previous arena mark.

The women's basketball team has lost two straight games to fall to 8-8 overall and 2-4 in the GLIAC. League-leading Michigan Tech beat the Lady Cardinals 64-61 Thursday and Northern Michigan handed them an 85-46 loss Saturday.

Check Your Seats

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has announced the recall of about three million "Evenflo" child safety seats for a defective buckle. To find out if a seat you purchased is part of the recall, contact the company at 1-800-837-8926.

The Fisher-Price Company is modifying model 9100 and 9101 of their child car seat for a defective shield. Consumers can call 1-800-527-1034 for further information about replacement of the defective shield.
Walking with the Prophets and Apostles

His father told him teaching was the profession of the prophets and apostles. "Only a few are entitled to consider the profession," Gamal Elashhab, his three brothers and seven sisters were admonished.

While the elder Elashhab's remarks were said somewhat facetiously, he indeed was dedicated to teaching and had a 42-year career in the profession. Gamal, all his brothers and two sisters also have opted to teach.

"Teaching makes a big difference in the lives of some and could make a big difference in the lives of many if properly planned," Elashhab says.

Fatherly encouragement aside, fate had a hand in Elashhab's entry into teaching. He confesses to having wanted to become a pharmacist. However, a near fatal bout with typhoid caused him to miss much of his last year of secondary school. As a result, he did not do well enough on the mandatory exams to qualify for the pharmacy curriculum and instead attended Teachers College in Cairo.

After graduating at the top of his class there, he was awarded a government grant to study at the University of London. Fate stepped in again, and while awaiting admission there, he was offered a Fulbright for study in the U.S.

Elashhab completed both Master's and Ph.D. degrees in education at Michigan State in just three years. He then returned to Egypt to repay his obligation to the government by serving as national science curriculum coordinator for the Ministry of Education.

While there, at age 27 he was conscripted into the Egyptian army following the 1967 six-day war with Israel. Upon discharge, Elashhab and his Michigan-born wife, Julie, decided to return to the U.S. While visiting friends at MSU, a chance meeting with a Saginaw Valley recruiter led to his teaching post here in 1969.

Elashhab keeps in close touch with his homeland and many relatives there. He was in Egypt this summer, shortly before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Some weeks before it happened, in an interview later published in the Saginaw News, he predicted that we would go to war with Iraq. He also correctly assessed that Saddam Hussein would not make the first strike.

"When you live in a culture for so long and politics affects your life in so many ways, you meet people in all these regions that give you a pulse of what's happening," he notes. He characterizes Saddam as a ruthless leader capable of great atrocities. But eventually his arrogance and ignorance -- "He has no military training, never finished law school and has never been outside his region, so doesn't understand international geopolitics" -- will lead to Saddam's defeat, Elashhab believes. He thinks the war will be short, perhaps only a month in duration.

"If I had become a pharmacist, I might be there now, dispensing medication for the casualties," he says wryly.
An unwelcoming job market caused Tim Burke to make an early career switch. "My undergraduate degree is in telecommunications," Burke says. And, while he "almost" landed a job with WGBH TV in Boston, his real interest was in public and educational TV. There were virtually no openings in the field in the '70s.

"I re-evaluated my priorities," he notes. "I had been active in student activities as an undergraduate, so I took a Master's degree in the student personnel field." He joined the SVSU Academic Advising staff in 1980.

Although Burke enjoys his current profession, a childhood interest in films led to his first career choice. "As a child, my parents and one of my aunts would take my brothers and myself to the movies," he notes. "As we got older, we went to theaters in Detroit.

"In the early '60s I got interested in the technique of Cinerama, which employs a camera with three lenses and requires specialized theaters with three projectors and a large screen. The viewer feels very much involved in the movie, especially if seated in the center of the theater."

Burke and his wife, Nadine, have remained movie buffs, although he admits that most of their viewing has been video cassettes in recent months. Their five-year-old and four-year-old sons keep them too busy for many jaunts to the theater.

Burke has taught SVSU's "Communications in the Marketplace and Media" course "five or six" times. He introduces students to classic radio and TV shows, as well as silent movies "so we can analyze influences from the past and present." The course also looks at images that are received from the media.

Heavy media coverage of the Persian Gulf war and events leading to it demonstrate the influence of the media, Burke feels. Journalists must strike a delicate balance between the public's right to know v. outright interference in unfolding events. "The media played right into the terrorists hands in the Iranian hostage situation," he says.

Among his favorite actresses: "Meryl Streep, because of the great diversity of material she handles" and Glenn Close. On the male side, "I like Harrison Ford's work, but don't consider him a great actor."

Possibilities for this year's Oscars: "I think Dances with Wolves surely will get some nominations. Mermaids certainly is being hyped as though it will be a contender. And some initial reports give Awakenings favorable reviews (as an Oscar candidate)."

Burke applauds the trend featuring mature actors and actresses, citing TV series star Angela Lansbury as an example. "I think it's wonderful," he smiles. Many movies, though, he feels are pitched to a very young audience. Examples: Raiders of the Lost Ark, Star Wars, the Rocky and Rambo series. They feature lots of action and often violence, he notes.